

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DUCHESNE STRAWBERRY WATER  
USERS WITH THE STATE ENGINEER STAFF

Date; March 7, 1973 - Held in the Duchesne County Courthouse courtroom at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Don Norseth of the State Engineer's Office. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss distribution problems and any special items of business that may come before the group. He gave a water forecast as of February 1, 1973, and stated that the expected flow was 120 per cent of normal. However this is 21 per cent less than 1972. As of March 1, 1973 the expectation had dropped down to 109 per cent of the average normal flow. With this introduction this meeting was turned over to Mr. Ray Thomas, president of the Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users, to conduct the meeting as he saw fit.

The minutes for last year were called for and read. A question on one of the items was ~~the was~~ the pen-vane and its repayment. It was announced by the State Engineer's Staff that the pen-vane assessment will be collected in the 1973 collections. There was a motion made by Frank Liddell, seconded by Melvin White that the minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Thomas asked for the financial report, and it was given as such.

- A. Balance of distribution funds January 1, 1972 \$5,555.41.

DUCHESNE-STRAWBERRY RIVERS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1972

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A.	Balance of Distribution Trust Funds January 1, 1972	\$5,555.41
B.	Receipts and Expenditures:	
1.	Receipts	
(a)	Regular Assessments	\$ 5,863.91
(b)	Delinquent Collections	25.13
(c)	Total Receipts	\$ 5,889.04
2.	Expenditures (see attached)	\$ 7,891.53
C.	Balance of Distribution Trust Funds December 31, 1972	\$3,552.92

Prepared by: Richard R. Pexton  
Distribution Accountant

Approved by: Hubert C. Lambert  
State Engineer

The State Engineer was authorized to disburse according to the 1972 minutes \$8,850.00, which was the budget submitted. They did disburse \$7,891.53. This figure included \$815.00 for the purchase of a pen-vane flow meter, on approval of chairman Thomas which will be repaid according to which was stated above in the 1973 minutes.

Delinquent Accounts were discussed as per report. The total amount delinquent due as of this date was \$1,164.91 which include the following:

<u>ACC'T NO.</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS:</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:</u>
6.	Wilbur Bates Duchesne, Utah 84021	\$ 16.52 (1966-1968)
8.	William Simmons Heber City, Utah 84021	4.11
14.	Weldon Brown Duchesne, Utah 84021	94.43 (1965-1972)
15.	Triangle L. Ranch C/O Ken Wilkinso, Duchene, Utah	23.47
27.	Farm Creek Irr. Co. C/O Arvel Rhoades, Secr. Tabiona, Utah 84072	287.61
35.	Leon Wilkins Trout Creek, Utah 84077	12.73 (1971-1972)
40.	Raleigh Ivie Duchesne, Utah 84021	41.66 (1969-1972)
46.	Jay Abbott Duchesne, Utah 84021	11.03

ACC'T NO.	NAME AND ADDRESS:	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:
85.	Tabby Irr. Co. C/O Earl Van Tassell, Secr. Tabiona, Utah 84072	\$ 471.30 (1971-1972)
99.	William R. Williams	12.52
103.	Paul Young, Fruitland, Utah 84027	151.00 (1964-1972)
109.	Bert Young Fruitland, Utah 84027	20.54 (1971-1972)
110.	John Young Fruitland, Utah 83027	8.43
114.	Hidden Valley Irr. Inc.	9.56 (1965)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$1,164.91

There was a discussion on account no. 6 and account no. 114 as to being able to collect it and who was responsible to pay it. After the discussion there was a motion entertained by Melvin White and seconded by Earl Wright to cancel these two accounts. Motion passed.

Water Commissioner Report (Loryn Ross - 1972). He stated that the irrigation season for the year 1972 turned out to be a better year than had been expected. Due to the lack of moisture, which was a irregular year in the history of Duchesne County, regulation began early in the season. July 17th the pattern or duty was 1 to 70. This lasted about a week, and then it changed to 1 to 80, 1 to 85, etc. However due to purchased water out of Starvation Reservoir, and other items that developed along the year, Mr. Ross felt that the system had had a fairly good year with delivery on water. He reported to the group that he had enjoyed being Water Commissioner. He had especially enjoyed becomming acquainted with individuals. He stated that his position neccitated becomming better acquainted with the water users, the diversions and the system as a whole.

Purchased Water from Starvation Reservoir started on July 17th. There was delivered for the 1972 water year 10,898 acre feet from Starvation Reservoir. With the secondary water users taking advantage of this delivery at a higher percent than they had in previous years. He reported that measuring weirs had been installed. Mr. Ross reported that each diversion now has a measuring device which is adequate. At least 25 pendvane installations were made in 1972. These were necessary because of the slow ditches. Mr. Ross stated that the water law study had been conducted during this irrigation season. The Grey Mountain and Rocky Point Ditch Companies were studied by U.S. Geological Survey. The State Engineer's staff ran surveys on the Pioneer Canal, the Rhoades Canal, and some additional small ditches. It was reported that when these are complete canal companies envolved will get a copy of the report. Mr. Ross stated that one ditch on the upper Duchesne River which irrigates some 200 acres, when duty is cut to 1 to 70 they only have about a 3 acre foot head. When this happens there is enough water in the ditch to get to the farms due to the high loss of water.

President Thomas presented to the water users a proposed budget in the amount of \$9,250.00.

Description of Budget Item:Amount Approved 1973

Commissioner's Salary	\$ 5,000.00
Matching Social Security Tax	300.00
Matching State Retirement	250.00
Commissioner's Travel Expense \$ .10/mile	1,600.00
Commissioner's Phone Expense	100.00
Bonds & Insurance Premiums	60.00
Distribution Supplies and Equipment	300.00
Annual Report (1973)	240.00
Board of Directors Expense	500.00
Deputy Commissioner if Needed	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	400.00

TOTAL 1973 BUDGET                      \$ 9,250.00

After hearing the proposed budget there was a motion made by Leon Ross and seconded by Clifton C. Mickelson that the Water Users accept the proposed budget \$9,250.00, and instruct the State Engineer to assess the Water Users this amount with the authority to over expend a budgeted item if necessary not to exceed \$200.00. Motion passed

Water Commissioner recommended for 1973 irrigation system: There was a motion made by Earl Wright that Sandy Carter of Tabiona be recommended to the State Engineer to be interviewed and if accepted be employed as the Water Commissioner for 1973 irrigation season. The motion was seconded by Leo Brady, presented to those in attendance, and the motion passed.

Proposed Delivery of Water for the 1973 year discussed: It was reported by Mr. Don Norseth of the State Engineer staff that he has been instructed to write a distribution order for 1973, and have it submitted by April 15th. Mr. Norseth stated this would be done on priority and right of water users along the system taken into consideration. Water users will have the right to accept or object to proposed order on or before the 25th of April. At this date there will be a hearing held in the Duchesne County Courtroom on the above item.

Recommendation given to Retireing Water Commissioner Loryn Ross: There was a motion made by Leo Brady and seconded by Melvin White that Loryn Ross, Water Commissioner for 1971 and 1972 years be commended for the service rendered during these years. There was a unanimous approval of this motion.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Don Norseth announced to the group that Mr. Lambert, the State Engineer passed away Tuesday and that his passing away would be a loss to the State Engineers staff and the state as a whole.

Those in attendance were as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Don Norseth	Division of Water Rights
John Bene	Deputy State Engineer
Robert Guy	Division of Water Rights
Gary Cupp	" " " "
Loryn S Ross	Water Commissioner
Leon Ross	Duchesne-Strawberry Board Member
Frank Liddell	" " " "
Leo L. Brady	Central Utah Water Conservancy District
Carl H. Carpenter	" " " "
Melvin B. White	Murray White Canal Co.

NAME

Clifton C. Mickelson  
Jack E. Nielsen  
Joe Clayburn  
Jay Abbott  
Harvey Gee  
Kipp Merkley  
Howard M. Cowan  
Arvel Rhoades  
Dale Gines  
Joe Curry  
Robert W. Pepper  
Earl N. Wright  
Sandy Carter  
Alfonzo Defa  
Glen L. Clark  
F. E. Bates  
Glen Remund  
Allan W. Ashton  
Vernal Bromley  
Leland Wright  
Ray Thomas

REPRESENTING

Strawberry River User  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
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Rocky Point Ditch Co.  
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Farm Creek Ditch Co.  
Tabby Irrigation  
Rhoades Canal Co.  
Pioneer Canal, Jessup Thomas & Farm Creek Ditch  
Broadhead Ditch  
  
Private Ditch  
Pioneer Canal Co.  
Private Ditch  
Rocky Point Ditch  
U.S. Forest Service  
Duchesne City Mayor  
Pres., Pioneer Canal Co. & Jones Ditch

## Board Members:

Ray Thomas, president; Jay Abbott, vice president, Frank Liddell, Leon Ross, Earvin Murphy, Earl Wright and Glen Remund.

Leland Wright  
Leland Wright, Secretary  
Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users.